

The Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs

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## The Council's Presentation:

The Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs is one of the sectors affiliated to the Egyptian Ministry of Al-Awqaf (Endowments). It was established at 1960 with the aim of presenting the Moderate and Enlightened Islamic Culture to Muslims in Egypt, Arab and Muslim Worlds as well as for all concerned personals of the Islamic Culture.

The Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs evaluates the society based upon sound bases that observe and respect the individuals' rights and doesn't ignore or disregard the group's Affairs.

- In the Head of The Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs is Prof. Dr. Mahmoud Hamdi Zakzouk
- In the Secretary General of The Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs is: Prof. Dr. Muhammad El-Shahat El-Gendy

# The Council's Objectives:

- Introducing Islam at home and abroad.
- Establishing and developing the mutual relationships between peoples of the Muslim World.

### The Council's Structure:

**The Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs** is consisting of the following administrations and departments:

- 1- The General-Secretariat Department, there are fourteen subordinated Scientific Committee annexed to it. It includes an elite group of Scholars and Thinkers.
- 2- The General Administration for Foreign Relations, the following departments are subordinated to it:
  - The Information Department and the Islamic Centers which undertakes the task of presenting the real bright image of Islam to non- Muslims. It undertakes as well the mission of communicating with the Muslim communities wide world.
  - The Grants Department for Emigrants of the Muslim World that enables them to get their education at *Al-Azhar Al-Shreif*.
- 3- **The Center of Prophetic Biography** (*As-Seirah An-Nabawaya*) for the authentication of the Islamic heritage in its various fields.
- 4- The Pulpit of Islam (*Manbar Al-Islam*) Magazine for publishing and releasing all the various Islamic research papers and annexed to it The Paradise (*Al-Fordoos*) Magazine for Muslim Children.
- 5- The Center for Islamic Studies and Encyclopedias which is equipped with the latest technological systems. The Centre is in charge of the Council's Website that works for broadcasting the Islamic Culture.
  - The Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs has issued The Interpretation of the meanings of The Glorious Qur'an in the Modern Languages.
  - The Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs has issued as well several Specialized Encyclopedias among which:
    - A. The Islamic Jurisprudence's (Figh) Encyclopedia.
    - B. The General Islamic Encyclopedia.

- C. The Specialized Qur'anic Encyclopedia.
- D. The Holy Prophetic Tradition's (*Hadith*) Encyclopedia.
- E. The Prominent Muslim Thinkers' Encyclopedia.
- F. The Islamic Legislation's Encyclopedia.
- G. The Islamic Sects and Schools' Encyclopedia.
- Generally Speaking, The Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs has issued a great number of printed books, theses and magazines.

### The Council's Achievements:

- 1- Issuing the first ever Egyptian interpretation of the meanings of The Glorious Qur'an in the Modern Languages. It's entitled AL-MONTAKHAB [The Select] in the Interpretation of the Glorious Qur'an. It is interpreted from Arabic language into English, French, German, Spanish, Russian, Indonesian and Kiswahili languages.
- 2- **The Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs** has issued a translation of the authenticated Prophetic Traditions for the non-Arabic speakers.
- 3- The Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs has issued printed matters that deal with presenting and illustrating the Islamic Culture to be available for public readers, cultured figures and for all the knowledge's seekers. These printed matters are translated into various modern languages like English, French, German, Spanish, Portuguese, Albinism and Russian. It's as well interpreted into Asian dialects like Urdu and translated into African dialects like Fulfulde, Kiswahili and Bambara.
- 4- **The Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs** has issued as well recording cassettes for illustrating the Islamic worshipping rituals like Prayers *Salat*, Poor-Due *Zahah*, Fasting *(Sawm)* and pilgrimage *(hajj)*. They are recorded into various languages. There are as well CDs for the recitation and memorization of Holy Qur'an and others including detailed and illustrated informative and historic data about Egypt's Mosques. There are as well CDs for refuting the misconceptions raised against Islam and other

ones for clarifying and illustrating the pillars of Islam. All these CDs are accomplished to address Arabs and non –Arabic speakers.

- 5- The Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs has established several Islamic Centers in Africa, Asia, Europe, The Americans and Austria. The Council has provided those libraries with thousands of the Holy Qur'an Books and the Islamic printed matters that it need. The Council has provided the Islamic Institutions and authorities abroad with whatever sources they need including audio/video CDs and printed readable matters with the aim of achieving its complete mission which is spreading the Islamic Culture everywhere.
- 6- The Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs has launched a Website for broadcasting the sound Islamic and scientific knowledge. It also refutes the misconceptions raised against Islam via the World Wide Web. It was firstly launched in English language, and then lately it has been successively launched in other modern languages.

#### The Council's The Website Addresses are:

http://www. islamic-council.com http://www. islamic-council.org

The Email Address is: islamic council eq@yahoo.com

- 7- **The Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs** has held since its establishment twenty one conferences and it is preparing at the time being for holding its Twenty Second General Conference.
- 8- The Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs is holding annually during the Holy month of Ramadan The Meeting for Islamic Thought. Its location is beside Imam Hussein's Mosque at Cairo.
- 9- **The Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs** is holding its annual **Cultural Session** for clarifying some of the Islamic Concepts and for responding as well to the inquiries raised by the attendants. It is held currently at *An-Noor* Mosque, Cairo.
- 10- **The Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs** has organized annually its distinguished **Cultural Courses** for addressing the Imams and Preachers who attained the Master and Decorate

Degrees. It aims at raising the efficiency of the scientific and professional levels of preaching and preachers.

- 11- The Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs is holding annually Abu Bakr As-Siddiq's Camp at Alexandria for addressing the youth of the Muslim World as well as the youth of the Egyptian Universities to enable them to perceive and realize the Islamic causes at home and abroad.
- 12- The Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs has established some of the Cultural Centers especially in Africa among which The Islamic Center in Tanzania that works for Introducing Islam and for following up the current events that has something to do with Islam and Muslims.
- 13- The Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs is presenting for its sixth consecutive year Mubarak's Annual Award for Islamic Studies. It's a valuable financial prize given to one of the brilliant and superior scientists. Those prominent scientists are candidates from either the Egyptian universities or the concerned scientific institutions and authorities. The Awarded scientist is honored at a ceremony held by the Ministry of Al-Awqaf on the occasion of Egypt's celebration of the Night of Decree (Al-Qadr) which is held annually under the auspices of His Excellency President Muhammad Husni Mubarak President of Arab Republic of Egypt.

May Allah grant us success and prosperity in our march.

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